

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, and 16-26 are pending in the present application.

The rejection of Claims 1, 3-9, and 16-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph (written description), is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended the claims to be free of the Examiner's criticisms. Applicants further note that the description of the non-volatile compounds (R^1) for the first embodiment on page 8, lines 3-13 clearly stipulates that when R^1 is selected from the sulfur-containing amino acids and peptides, R^1 and R^2 are bound via a disulfide bond. Therefore, to ensure that Claim 1 is supported by and consistent with the specification, Claim 1 has been amended to limit "n" to 2 and to specify that the mercapto group of the sulfur-containing amino acids and peptides is present in the disulfide bond of the organic compound represented by Formula (1). In addition, Claims 3-8 have been amended to replace "sulfide bond" with "disulfide bond."

The description of the non-volatile compounds (R^1) for the second embodiment on page 11, line 11 to page 12, line 14 embraces a broader scope of permissible non-volatile compounds range from amino acids not containing a sulfur atom to disulfide bond-containing peptides. As such, Applicants have amended Claim 9 to add "cystine" to the definition of R^1 in Formula (2) and to replace the list of sulfur-containing amino acids and peptides with the phrase "is an amino acid other than cysteine" in the definition of R^1 for Formula (3).

Finally to ensure that Claim 18, and claims dependent therefrom, are consistent with the specification (see page 9, lines 4-14) this claim has been to be dependent from Claim 9.

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In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, it is believed that the claims find full descriptive support in the specification as originally presented.

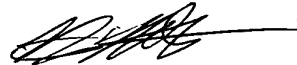
Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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